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# S. J. RES. 31

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating  
to United States citizenship.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2008

Mr. VITTER introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice  
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States relating to United States citizenship.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
8       States within seven years after the date of its submission  
9       for ratification by the Congress:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “A person born in the United States shall not be a  
3 citizen of the United States unless—

4 “(1) one parent of the person is a citizen of the  
5 United States;

6 “(2) one parent of the person is an alien law-  
7 fully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
8 States who resides in the United States;

9 “(3) one parent of the person is an alien per-  
10 forming active service in the Armed Forces of the  
11 United States; or

12 “(4) the person is naturalized in accordance  
13 with the laws of the United States.”.

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